

The Poor Client's Complaint, Ex 245

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IN AULUM.

NAM mihi promissam jubeo numerare Calenum, Ne lis quod superest, exhaustis Aeris & Auri
Abnuet ille Aulum consulo Causidicum, Vile Reum: pariter Causidicumque meum.
Is mihi Judicio suadet contendere Causam, Certum est, nil post hac promittentive Caleno,
Suscipit: hac quicquam justius esse negat. Hortantur Aulo credere Causa vale: (leno)
Quam mihi dum peragit, acinumque extendit in: Quæris utrum fugiam magis Aulum namque Cal
Pene decem decies jam periere Minæ. (annum, Verba dare, ost Aulus vendit e-verba soles.

EPIGRAMMA MUS, ON AULUS THE LAWYER.

COLIN, by Promise being Oblig'd to pay
Me such a Sum, betwix and such a Day,
I ask'd it, he refus'd it; I address
Aulus the Lawyer: He reply'd, it's best
To sue him at the Law, I'll make him debtor,
Your Cause is good, there cannot be a better.
Being thus advis'd, away to Pet I trudge,
Pay him, and pay him, to bespeak the Judge:
Engag'd thus far, beir bitter, be it worse,
I must proceed, and thus I do depurse.
For Writing Summons, Signing, Signetings
With a red Plaster, and a Paper Ring;
For Summoning the Principal, and then
For Citeing Witnesses, to say Amen;
For Executions (Alias Indorlation)
For Tabling Calling, with Continuations;
Next for Consulting Aulus and his Man;
(For he must be Consulted now and then.)
For pleading in the Outterhouse and Inner,
From Ten to Twelve, then Aulus goes to dinner
For writing Bills for reading them, for Answers
More dubious then those of Necromancers,
For Interlocutors, for little Ads,
For large Decrets, and their as large Exarats,
For Hearings, for discussing of Suspensions,
Full stuff'd with Lies, and frivolous Pretensions
For please your Lordships, & such like petitions
For raising, and for serving Substitutions,
And for Comprising or Adjudications,
For their Allowance, for Registrations;
And many, many, many other Actions
which may be Summ'd up in one word Vexations
Then unexpectedly upon a small
Defect alledg'd, Colin reduces all,
We ret again, and Aulus doth disjoin
The procees, and debates it Point by Point;
The Cause at length's Concluded but not ended,
This made me wonder! Aulus he pretended,
Decrets must not be given out at Random,
But must abide a serious Aulandum,
Conform to Course of Roll when that will be
Indeed I cannot tell, nor yet can he.
Thus Aulus hath for Ten years space extended
The plea, and further more I have expended
Vast Sums, to wit, for Washing, Lodging, Dye,
Yet seldom did I sleep, or eat in quiet:
For Coal, for Candle, Paper, Pen and Ink, (think
And such like things, which truly one would

Were insignificant, but yet they're come
In Ten Years space unto a pretty Sum:
To Macons, Turnkeys, Agents, Catapults, Peter's,
Servants, Sub-servants, petty Roggers, Chivars,
For Morning-drinks, Four-hours, half-Gills at
To fit their Stomack for the fork & spoon (noot
To which they go, but I poor I, mean while,
Slip quietly to th' Earl of Murray's Isle. Old Rite
We meet again at two, then to digest
Their belly full, they have a Gill or least;
Sometimes a double One, for Brandy-Wine
Can only end the War, call'd intestine:
For Muck, Sack, Claret, white Wine, Port Beer, Ale,
(One he would have it new, another stale,
Both must be pleas'd for Pipes, Tobacco, Stuffs,
Thrift, Coffee, Tea, and a greater stuff,
Call'd Chocolate, Punch, Clarified Whoy,
With other Drinks all which I duly pay;
For Rolls, for Nockets, Roundabouts, Saw cakes,
For Cheshire Cheese, fresh Butter, Coachmen Bakes
For Pouches, Sauces, Sheep heads, Cheats, Pickpurses,
Lamb-legs, Lamb Kernels, and Lamb's Priniters,
Skates, Lobsters, Oysters, Mussels, Wilks, Nones, Tongues
One be for Luck, Beer, and Red herring long,
This must be had, an other doth prefer
Raw Herring, Onions, Oyl, Spies, Vinegar;
Rare Composition, and he's truly sorry
It's not in Culpepper's Dispensatory
For Apples, Peers, Plumbs, Cherries, Nuts, Green pease,
Dales, Tangles, Parslans, Turnips, Radishes,
With forty other Things, I have forgot;
And I'm a Villan if I pay'd them not:
Moreover my Affairs at Home sustain
Both the emergent Loss and cessant Gaine
Aulus himself terms this a double loss,
And I call him and it, a triple Cross
By all these means my Expences do turn round
Near ten times, ten times, Colin's first Account;
And now e're that I wholly be bereft,
Of the little Time and Money to me lent,
I'm at the length resolv'd thus to do,
I'll shun my Debitor and Lawier too,
And after this I never will give credit
Unto one word if either of them said it:
You'll ask which of the two, I'd rather shun
Aulus, 'tis he, 'tis he hath me undone,
I've Words from both, yet sad Experience
That Colin given, But Aulus dearly sell.

